

MINUTES

MEETING OF: CITY OF CARLSBAD ARTS COMMISSION
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, Mar. 5, 2015
PLACE OF MEETING: Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Tina Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Alter, DeForest, Johnson, Schmidt, Voll and White
Absent: Markovits
Staff Present: Vincent Kitch, Cultural Arts Manager; Steve Didier, Senior Management Analyst Library & Cultural Arts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By proper motion (White/DeForest) and vote the minutes of the Feb. 5, 2015 regular meeting of the City of Carlsbad Arts Commission were approved.

PRESENTATION

Libraries Capital Improvement Project

Senior Management Analyst, Steve Didier, updated the commission on the library capital improvement projects. The project is currently in the design phase. Completed construction plans have been submitted to the planning department for review. Once the review is complete, the plans will be presented to city council for their approval. The target date for city council approval is Apr. 7, 2015. If approved, the designs will go to bid and a general contractor will be determined by July 2015. Construction would begin on the Cole library mid Sept, with the facility closed early Sept. When the Cole Library is completed in approximately four months, the Dove Library would close in late Jan. 2016. There is a desire to be able to stage different areas at the Dove Library so that the entire facility is not closed to staff the entire time. Because of the decision to go with carpet tiles many of the books and shelves in the Dove Library will not have to be moved, which will save time. Commissioner Schmidt asked about the continuity of employment for both the full and part time staff at the library facilities. Analyst Didier reported that there is sufficient work with retagging and inventorying all the books that the expectation is that we will have enough work to go around. Schmidt also asked if the Cannon Art Gallery would be open. Analyst Didier reported that the gallery will be closed during the remodel and that the floor will be refinished during that time. Manager Kitch reported that the auditorium can be done separately and they will be looking at a time to complete it, possibly before the large scale work of the Dove Library complex. Analyst Didier discussed the upgrades to the Schulman Auditorium to include a complete redesign of the control room including all new technology. There will also be new lighting, new seats, an increased stage height for better visibility, new curtains, enlargement of the stage, and increased storage. Full control of lighting and sound will be located in the control room and there will be a larger window installed in the control room for better visibility of the technical staff. A wheelchair lift will be located on the west side of the stage. A

new front door will be added to the auditorium for ADA compliance. A piano garage will be installed at the back of the stage with storage above. There will be 217 seats with some removable seats for wheelchairs. Commissioner DeForest asked if it would be possible to make the control room smaller so that an additional row of seats could be added to the back row. Analyst Didier reported that the plan is to keep the original size of the control room.

Commissioner Alter asked if the sound system is going to be updated and if cameras could be added to enhance the visual images. Analyst Didier reported that all equipment will be new and Manager Kitch reported that cameras were something that may be added.

Commissioner Schmidt asked about wireless microphones. Manager Kitch reported that the microphones will be wireless.

The library will be keeping existing furniture which is in good condition and refinishing and reupholstering it. New furniture is being added to the newly constructed areas.

The interiors committee will meet again near the end of March for all final recommendations.

The courtyard on the west side of the building and signage and way finding monuments design work will be completed by the end of June. The landscape architects will be separate from the general design group. The General contractor will be in charge of handling this but the work will be done separately.

Commissioner Alter asked if the signs are going to be electronic and reported that he would like to see the Arts Commission involved in the signage decisions. Analyst Didier reported that the discussion is just starting about signage and nothing has yet been decided and that he would return with an update on the process and plan for commission involvement.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Manager Kitch updated the Arts Commission on the Art in Public Places Program. The city is in the process of redefining and clarifying public art one percent funding guidelines. The agenda bill and resolution redefines the role of the Arts Commission and states which project are those to have the one percent funding for public art. The agenda bill and resolution updating the ordinance on public art and approving the Art in Public Places guidelines will soon be presented to city council for their consent.

Commissioner Alter asked what type of project will be precluded. Manager Kitch reported that transportation items and park land acquisition are precluded.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Schmidt reported that This is Jazz! was a great program and encouraged the other commissioners to take advantage of all of the programs available through the Cultural Arts Office.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Kitch reported that the Three-Part-Art program brought over 1,000 students and 260 adults to the gallery for the "2014 Juried Biennial" exhibit.

This is Jazz! has kicked off a new partnership with radio station KSDS Jazz 88.3.

The gallery reception for "Simply Beautiful: Photographs from National Geographic" drew over 200 people.

This exhibition features 55 stunning photographs from National Geographic's archives. It has been traveling on a four-year national tour. Carlsbad is the only Southern California venue to host the exhibition and will be the final stop for this collection.

Annual International Guitar Night as a partnership between the Cultural Arts Office and the Museum of Making Music was another sell out.

A person has been hired to fill the arts coordinator position. An announcement will be made soon.

The annual budget has been submitted.

FRIENDS OF THE ARTS REPORT

Commissioner Johnson reported that Friends of the Arts are busy setting the foundation for TGIF support and fund raising. They are talking to different partners for advertising and donations and other retail opportunities. They are looking for ways to supplement their fundraising. They adopted the annual budget in January and officially accepted those who have joined the board during the year. This is Commissioner Johnson's second and final term as president.

Commissioner White asked how Friends of the Arts can present themselves as supporters of the arts at TGIF so that it is viewed as arts and culture and not just entertainment. Commissioner Johnson responded that they hope to bring on new board members. They are trying to focus on young families and getting the word out to a younger audience. They are also creating new partnerships with established businesses and being more creative in how they reach out to people.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner White reported enjoying the Cannon Gallery opening reception for "Simply Beautiful" and invited everyone to attend the Gala for New Village Arts. At that event they will announce the new season which will include three musicals. They are moving towards family oriented shows that also challenge adults. *Lord of the Flies* is the next upcoming production, followed by the comedy *Sylvia*.

Commissioner Alter attended Mainly Mozart and would like to see more announcements about the city's involvement in the series. He announced that they will not be doing a summer series this year. He attended the gallery reception and will be meeting with public art consultant, Gail Goldman today about public art.

Commissioner DeForest attempted to shape granite and found the process to be very difficult.

Commissioner Voll attended the reception at the Foundry and found it to be a good use of the building. COAL is having a sister city art exchange. 80 pieces of work were judged. The best work will be sent to Karlovy Vary for an exhibition. A piece by Commissioner Voll is among the work which will be sent.

Commissioner Johnson will be participating in Three-Part-Art on Monday and met with public art consultant, Gail Goldman. This spring Commissioner Johnson will be teaching creative writing to students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schmidt adjourned the meeting of the Arts Commission at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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